

Treasurer Cauthen Dead.

One of Lancaster County's Best Citizens and Most Efficient Public Officers Passes Away in the Prime of His Young Manhood.

County Treasurer William Columbus Cauthen, whose critical illness was noted in these columns last week, died, of paralysis of the bowels, last Monday about midday, at the home of Mr. T. S. Carter, where, as previously stated, he had resided for several years.

Though not unexpected, the announcement of Mr. Cauthen's death caused profound sorrow throughout the community and county, for he was held in the highest esteem, both as a public officer and as a man, by all classes of citizens. A young man of exceptionally fine character, a model of deportment, entertaining in conversation, uniformly polite and courteous to all, Mr. Cauthen certainly enjoyed a degree of popularity rarely attained by a man of his age.

Mr. Cauthen was serving his 7th year as county treasurer, having first been elected to that responsible position in 1898. The large vote he then received, and the handsome majorities given him in subsequent elections, attested in no uncertain manner the unbounded confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. Mr. Cauthen was, unquestionably, one of the most faithful and efficient public officers Lancaster county has ever had. On the occasion of his last visit to this place, Comptroller General Jones said that, in his judgment, Mr. Cauthen was the best county treasurer in the State.

Mr. Cauthen was a son of the late Barksdale Cauthen and Mrs. Julia Cauthen, and a grand-son of Dr. W. C. Cauthen, one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession. He was born February 12, 1870; and was, therefore, in his 36th year. When a lad, twelve years of age, Mr. Cauthen met with an accident which made him a cripple for life. He was thrown from a wagon while the mules were running away. For eight years thereafter he was confined to his bed. He finally recovered sufficiently to be able to use a roller chair, which he continued to use up to his last illness.

During his long confinement in bed, after his accident, Mr. Cauthen practically educated himself, devoting much of the time to hard, laborious study. He also read a great deal, becoming familiar with many of the standard works of literature. He, also, frequently wrote articles for magazines and newspapers, writing usually under the nom de plume of "Junius." He was a cogent, forceful writer, and his contributions were always enjoyed by the reading public.

Mr. Cauthen took an active interest in the movement which culminated in the organization of the Lancaster Publishing Company and the establishment of this newspaper. He was confident that the movement would result in great good

to this community, to the county and to the public generally. He subscribed liberally to the capital stock of the new company, and at the meeting of stockholders was unanimously elected a member of the board of directors, and by the latter he was elected secretary and treasurer of the company.

Mr. Cauthen is survived by his mother, Mrs. Julia Cauthen, of Oakhurst section; one brother, Mr. Martin Cauthen, of this place; and two sisters, Misses Agnes and Janie Cauthen, the latter being a half-sister.

The remains were buried at Hanging Rock church yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed, of Lancaster, and the Rev. David Hucks, of Heath Springs, conducting the funeral services. A number of sympathizing friends and relatives accompanied the body from here, which was taken south on yesterday morning's early train.

Deaths.

Mrs. Martha Brazzel, an aged lady of Heath Springs, died last Friday. She was the widow of Jack Brazzel and was about 75 years of age. She leaves two daughters and five sons, Mrs. Kate Osborn, Mrs. Vacey McCravan and Messrs. Andrew, William, Sim, Levie and Newton Brazzel. The remains were buried Sunday at Old Salem cemetery.

Mr. Jackson Criminger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Criminger, of this county, died Sunday night, of consumption, aged about 27 years. He was unmarried. Mr. Criminger was a worthy and industrious young man and had many friends who will regret to learn of his untimely death. The burial was at Fork Hill Sunday.

The Moriah Association.

In accordance with announcement previously made in these columns, the Moriah Association held its annual meeting last week at Pleasant Plain church. The first session was held Wednesday, and the Association finally adjourned Friday afternoon. The various churches belonging to the association were well represented and the visitors in attendance were larger in number than usual.

The following officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year: E. B. Lingle, Moderator; W. M. Moore, Clerk; W. M. Blackmon, Treasurer.

The meeting next year will be held at Antioch, beginning on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October.

Another Pastor Made Happy.

Another beloved pastor has been most successfully "pounded" by his congregation and other good friends. The "victim" this time was the Rev. T. A. Dabney, the popular pastor of the Second Baptist church. Last Saturday evening about five hundred persons assembled at his home, bearing substantial evidences of their appreciation of his good and loyal work for his church and the community generally.

The Lancaster cotton mill band was also on hand and discoursed fine music. Mr. Dabney is profoundly grateful for the many presents he received.

Court Proceedings.

A Number of Bills Acted Upon by Grand Jury—Several Important Cases to be Tried—The Fisher and O'Day Case Set for Hearing Tomorrow.

The court of general sessions convened here Monday morning, former Judge Buchanan, of Winnsboro, presiding by appointment, Judge Townsend being sick.

True bills have been found in the following cases, by the grand jury:

Wm Drakeford, arson; Girts Daniel, burglary and larceny; Henry Pratt, murder; Charles McFadden, arson; Garfield Bell, house breaking and larceny—2 cases; Will Massey, alias Bill Milly, burglary; Steve Lavard, house breaking and larceny; Albert Ballard, breaking and entering into car; Charles O'Day and John Fisher, safe cracking; A. Jeff Gregory, murder.

The following cases were not pressed: John Yandle, assault and battery with intent to kill; Thomas Snipes, assault with intent to rape; Phil Tillman, similar offense; Jasper Cunningham selling property under lien; Alec Watts, assault and battery with intent to kill.

No bill was found in the case of Burrell Truesdale, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.

Two cases against Jas. Reed, one for carrying concealed weapon and the other for assault and battery, were remanded to magistrate. A case against Steve Lavard, for disposing of property under lien, an appeal from magistrate, was dismissed. An appeal from magistrate in case of J. C. Spray and J. H. Massey, disturbing religious worship, was also dismissed.

Girts Daniel pleaded guilty Monday to the charge of burglary and larceny.

Minor Billings was tried and acquitted yesterday of the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Charles McFadden, charged with arson, was being tried yesterday afternoon when we went to press.

The case of Fisher and O'Day, charged with the Heath-Springs burglary has been set for trial Thursday.

Bible Society Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Lancaster Bible Society, held in the Baptist church Sunday night, was well attended and the proceedings of more than usual interest. An excellent address was made by the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed. The collection amounted to \$60. Mr. Turnipseed and Mrs. Martha Blackmon were made life members of the American Bible Society. The old officers were re-elected.

The attention of the public is called to the fact that the Society sells Bibles practically at cost. There is no excuse, therefore for any family or a member of any family, to be without a Bible. Some of the editions kept on hand are especially adapted for use by aged persons or persons with weak eyes.

The Society sold last year 265 Bibles and Testaments and gave away quite a number to those who were unable to pay for them.

Thief Enters Bedroom and Takes Purse.

Mr. Lee Steele, the well known young man connected with the Heath-Elliott Live Stock Co., had an unwelcome and unknown visitor in his bedroom last Friday night. While he was asleep some one entered his room and relieved him of his purse containing \$16.76 in cash and a check for \$45.50. The purse was in a pocket of Mr. Steele's trousers, which he had folded up and laid in a chair before retiring.

Mr. Steele's watch and pistol, which were lying on the bureau, were not disturbed. No arrest has yet been made.

Program of Moriah Union.

The next meeting of the Moriah Baptist Union will be held with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, beginning Friday before the fifth Sunday in Oct., 1905.

11 a. m. Introductory Session.

12 m. Organization.

Recess.

Subject: "Are we as Baptists exercising true loyalty to our churches?"—R. J. Blackmon, D. A. Williams.

Subject: "What evidences have we for being Baptists?"—J. H. Boldridge, E. B. Lingle.

Subject: "The State Mission Board; Its Objects and Its Needs."—T. A. Dabney, E. F. Rice.

Subject: "Should our churches make Annual Calls? If so, why?"—J. A. P. Blackmon, Willie P. McManus.

Subject: "Should Deacons be Chosen Indefinitely or for a Specified time?"—Rev. Thos. Blackmon, J. F. M. Estridge.

Sunday, 10 a. m. Sunday School Mass Meeting, conducted by W. C. Thomson.

11:30 a. m. Missionary Sermon—J. H. Boldridge.

COMMITTEE.

Kershaw Era please copy.

Marriage in Colored High Life.

To the Lancaster News:

One of the largest and most respectable weddings that it has been my pleasure to attend, was the marriage of Miss Minnie Ingram to Jas. Barnes, one of the most highly respected colored young men of Lancaster county. He is one of those young negroes that believe in being somebody, and then in getting somebody for a wife. He and she, both, stand for the highest ideal of religious and moral character. Such negroes will be respected by both white and colored. Many white people came to witness the occasion and contributed to its success.

Respectfully,

M. D. LEE.

Savannah Jail Holds Fugitives.

Savannah, Oct. 9.—John F. Gaynor and B. D. Green, who fought extradition to the United States from Canada for five years arrived here at 6 o'clock this morning. Their wives who had preceded them to Savannah, met them at the depot.

The prisoners were at once taken to the jail by United States Marshal White who had gone to Montreal for them; accompanied by Deputy Doyle.

Three Murdered.

Mysterious Triple Murder in New York State.

Middletown, N. Y., Oct. 8.—A triple murder was revealed here yesterday when the bodies of Willis and Fred Olney were found in the woods half a mile from the home, in which, on Friday night, was found the murdered body of Alice Ingerick. Both brothers had been shot.

All attempts of the county and local police officials to clear up the mystery of the murder of Willie and Fred Olney and little Alice Ingerick at the Olney farm near here, and the murderous assault on Mrs. Ingerick on Friday night, have so far been fruitless. It was believed this morning that some clue to the murder had been found when Alanson Graham, an old man living near the Olney place, was arrested on information furnished by Mrs. Ingerick, the only member of the Olney household who escaped death, but who was found terribly injured and unconscious in the barn. After being kept in custody all day and closely examined, Graham tonight conclusively proved his innocence and was discharged from custody.

Rewards aggregating \$1000 have been offered for the apprehension of the murderer of Merchant McDowall, of Camden, \$500 by the State, \$250 by Kershaw county, and \$250 by the Camden council.

Notice to All Persons Indebted to Heath Banking & Mercantile Company and Clyburn-Heath Mule Company.

All persons indebted to the undersigned by notes or accounts are respectfully and earnestly requested to come forward and settle same at once. These firms are now in liquidation, and it is absolutely necessary that all parties indebted to them should settle before November 15th, otherwise we will be compelled to place the accounts in the hands of our Attorney for collection.

Heath Banking & Mer. Co.
Clyburn-Heath Mule Co.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF LANCASTER.
Emma A. Small as administratrix of estate of S. E. Usher, deceased, plaintiff

vs
Joel E. Usher, J. H. Usher and others, Defendants.

PURSUANT to the decree of Judge Purdy, in the above entitled cause, filed in the Clerk's office September 27th, 1905, I will sell at public auction, at Lancaster Court House, S. C. on the first Monday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, the real estate belonging to the late Samuel E. Usher, deceased, containing

142 Acres, more or less, Situate in Lancaster County, in this State, and bounded on the North by lands of John Robinson and Hiram Steele, on the East by lands of John Plyler and on the West by lands of Jackson Usher and Billy Duncan. These lands will be sold by order of the Court of Equity to pay off the indebtedness of said estate and in final settlement of the same.

Terms of sale CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers.

JOHN P. HUNTER,

Sheriff, L. C.

R. E. WYLLIE,

R. E. & R. B. ALLISON,

Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Oct. 7, 1905. 3-w.